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# Vernon Walters for the UN

When the White House has needed a super diplomat in recent years to undertake a "mission impossible," the envoy most often turned to was Vernon Walters.

Mr. Walters now heads the list of likely candidates to replace Jeane Kirkpatrick as ambassador to the United Nations, a mission that has stumped many who held the post. But there is no doubt he measures up to the job.

Mr. Walters has put his fluency in eight languages to good use in official travels that have taken him to scores of countries. His background as a three-star Army general (who

worked his way up from private) and former No. 2 executive at the CIA are valuable qualities not only at the UN but in policy discussions at the White House. Cosmopolitan, practical, skilled: These are the words that describe Mr. Walters best.

As a sort of ambassador at large for the last four years, he has gained the respect of the President. He has the stature to reassure our allies and stand up to our adversaries. His wide experience and excellent judgment would make him a welcome addition to the Cabinet-level national security team.